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March 18, 2008

***RE: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45***

**TPUC Project No. 25787 - FCC Letters Regarding ETC Designation  
Pursuant to FTA '96 § 214(e) (2)**

**TPUC Docket No. 35078 – Application of Matrix Business Technologies  
for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier**

**ETC Designation of Matrix Business Technologies – Annual Affidavit**

On February 8, 2008 the Texas Public Utility Commission (TPUC) issued a letter regarding the designation of Matrix Business Technologies as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for areas of AT&T Texas and Verizon Southwest pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the “Act”) and 47 C.F.R. Sections 54.201 – 54.203. The TPUC’s *Order No. 4*, Docket No. 35078, issued on February 4, 2008, granted this designation.

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On March 5, 2008 Matrix filed the attached letter and affidavit of Scott Kilpatrick, General Counsel and Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, which attests to the company's intent to use the federal support within its study area for provision of the designated services required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.101. This document is forwarded to your attention pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 – 54.314 for the purpose of calculating federal universal service support for Matrix.

If you require any additional information, please call Shawnee Claiborn-Pinto at (512)-936-7388.

Sincerely,

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cc: attachments

